

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Minimum Support Price (MSP) Operations for (Coarsegrains) viz; Maize / Jowar / Bajra / Ragi – Procurement by A.P State Coop. Marketing Federation (A.P. Markfed) at MSP of Rs 840/- per quintal of Maize, Bajra and Jowar (Hybrid), Rs 860/- per quintal for Jowar(Maldandi) and Rs 915/- for Ragi, during Kharif Marketing Season 2008-09 – Orders – Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES(CS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No.41

Dated :13.10.2008.

Read the following:

- 1) G.O. Ms. No. 39, CA, F& CS Dept. dated 24.09.2007.
- 2) Lr. No. 156(9)/2008-Py.I dated 19.8.2008 of Govt. of India.
- 3) Lr. No. 8-15/2008-S&I dated 1.9.2008 of Govt. of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Food and Public Distribution, New Delhi.
- 4) Lr. No. 6/1/2008-FES –ES (Part. II), dated 1.9.2008, Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture, (Department of Agriculture & Cooperation) Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
- 5) D.O. Lr. No. PI(4)/5303/2008, dated 24.9.2008 of CCS & EOS addressed to all Collectors.

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ORDER:

Government, after considering the estimated production of Maize, Jowar, Ragi and Bajra during KMS 2008-09, have decided that the A.P. Markfed shall open the required number of purchase centers by taking the required help from the women Self Help Groups of the IKP in the entire State during the Kharif Marketing Season 2008-09

2. The MSPs fixed by the Government of the India for the KMS 2008-09 are as follows:

	Rs. per quintal
Maize	840/-
Bajra	840/-
Jowar- Hybrid	840/-
Jowar - Maldandi	860/-
Ragi,	915/-

3. Government hereby order that the A.P. Markfed shall act as State Procurement Agency for all the coarsegrains and take action to open as many purchase centres as are required for M.S.P. operations of Maize, Jowar, Ragi and Bajra immediately keeping in view the likely arrivals in various districts. Government have also decided to involve good working District Co-operative Marketing Societies (DCMS), Primary Agricultural Coop. Societies (PACSs) and Village Organizations formed under Indira Kranthi Pathakam to give facility to the farmers to market their produce nearer to the village and also to reduce congestion of the Agricultural Market Yards. The District Level Committee headed by the Joint Collector shall identify the additional procurement centres in consultation with the procurement agency i.e A.P. Markfed to ensure purchase of entire surplus produce of the coarsegrains from the farmers.

4. Government have decided that during the KMS 2008-09, arrangements shall be made for procurement of a quantity of 10.00 Lakh MTs of Maize (6.00 Lakh MTs in Kharif and 4.00 Lakh MTs in Rabi), 1.00 Lakh MTs of Jowar (0.75 Lakh MTs in Kharif and 0.25 Lakh MTs in Rabi) and 20,000 MTs each of Ragi and Bajra (15,000 MTs in Kharif and 5,000 MTs in Rabi). The above quantity is subject to revision by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies depending upon the market arrivals.
5. The Marketing Department shall position necessary equipments like tarpaulins, moisture meters, dryers, sieves, stitching machines, weighing scales etc in the Market Yards / Sub - Yards and also at the identified procurement centres of VO's (IKP) / DCMS/ PACSs. The procuring agency, M/s A.P. Markfed shall also inspect the available equipments at the purchase centers well in advance in order to make sure of availability of such equipments at the time of procurement. A District Level Committee shall be constituted for procuring required equipments / creation of infrastructure as ordered in the G.O. Ms. No. 124, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies (C.S.I(1)) Department dated 25.8.2005, which are made applicable to the KMS 2008-09 also.
6. The Marketing Department and the District Collectors shall take action to ensure that adequate publicity is given to the farmers through press, electronic media, beat of drum (tom tom), leaf lets etc to create awareness among the farmers about the MSP operations, specifications, the location of purchase centre and the procedure being followed for procurement of Maize, Jowar, Ragi and Bajra at MSP. All the required details shall be affixed at a prominent place at Gram Panchayat Offices in all the Maize, Jowar, Ragi and Bajra growing villages.
7. In his reference No. MC/6053/2007 dated 20.8.2007, the Commissioner of Marketing has issued necessary instructions to all the Secretaries of AMCs to prepare a contingency plan well in advance to tackle the additional arrivals and to ensure smooth market operations during the season they should get the equipment / machinery available with the AMCs in working condition and log books maintained for each equipment, to make a note of the usage particulars and to take into account of the equipments / machinery available with the nearby markets (Non-functional) and with IKP centres while planning for procurement of additional equipment to meet the seasonal requirement. He has also instructed that the Godown space available in the AMCs should also be kept ready for occupation and wide publicity should be given about MSP rates, equipments and godown space available with AMCs.
8. The A.P Markfed shall operate credit line for procurement of Maize, Jowar, Ragi and Bajra. Till such time the cash credit limits are sanctioned by the RBI, the Marketing Department shall advance funds to the A.P Markfed from Market fund.
9. The A.P Markfed shall inform the Government of India in advance as to the time by which procurement shall be completed so as to enable them to take a decision about disposal of the stocks.
10. At the District Level under the chairmanship of the Joint Collector a committee shall be constituted with PD DRDA, DCO, Joint Director (Agriculture), Asst. Director, Marketing, Dist. Manager, Markfed, to ensure effective implementation of MSP operations of Maize, Jowar, Ragi and Bajra. This Committee shall also decide the

transportation rates and cost of once used gunnies (for stand by purpose) and sutlis based on the specifications for such gunnies / sutlis for packaging of maize, jowar, ragi and bajra as communicated by the procurement agency.

11. At every purchase centre, there shall be a Purchase Committee with: (1) In-charge of the centre from procuring agency, (2) representative of AMC concerned, (3) Mandal Agriculture Officer or his representative, and (4) two farmers to ensure effective MSP operations. This Committee shall also decide the disputed cases of FAQ.

12. The Purchase Committee shall also take necessary action to finalize the Mandi rates / Hamali charges, wherever no such approved rates are available and for non-functional yards / sub yards in case they are identified as procurement centres.

13. The Collectors shall provide all necessary assistance to the A.P Markfed in implementation of MSP operations.

14. The Marketing Department, and the A.P Markfed shall position all the necessary equipments in the market yards / purchase centres immediately so as to commence the MSP operations from 1.10.08 onwards.

15. Operational guidelines for MSP operations of Maize, Jowar, Ragi and Bajra and specifications which were issued vide G.O. Ms. No. 39, CA, F& CS Department dated 24.9.2007 for KMS 2007-08 shall apply during Kharif Marketing Season 2008-09 also except in respect of MSP. The MSP shall be as indicated in para 2 above.

16. The Agriculture Department shall take all the necessary steps to instruct the A.Os and AEOs in the districts to organize training programme in the villages for creating awareness among the farmers in realizing MSP for FAQ quality of their produce.

17. The operational staff positioned at the procurement centres should also be similarly trained, under the supervision of PDs of IKP and DCOs in the districts and experienced staff from other Agencies like F.C.I. / CWC / Agriculture University etc.

18. The Warehousing Agencies viz; CWC/ SWC / FCI / AMCs shall give priority to the maize, bajra, jowar and ragi for storing the procured stocks. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all the Warehouse Managers to record the accurate weighment, moisture etc both at the time of depositing the stocks and at the time of delivery of the stocks. The Warehouse Managers of SWC / CWC / F.C.I., shall verify the quality as per FAQ specifications and record the same as FAQ stocks in stock acknowledgement / receipts. For this purpose, the warehouses shall be provided with required moisture meters also

19. A copy of this order is available on the internet and can be accessed at the address- www.ap.gov.in

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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EX. OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Managing Director, A.P. Markfed, Hyderabad.
The Chief Executive Officer, SERP, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner of Marketing, B.R.K.R. Bhavan, Hyderabad.
The Registrar Cooperative Societies, A.P. Hyderabad.

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Copy to P.S to Hon'ble Minister for Marketing Department, A.P. Hyderabad.

Copy to P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Finance, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Copy to the Prl. Secretary to Government, Coop. & Marketing, Hyderabad.

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